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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Legislation,  
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Comptroller

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Intelligence Authorization Bill for FY 1989


*John:*

1. I appreciate the opportunity to review the first draft of the FY 1989 Intelligence Authorization Bill. Several suggested changes are identified below:

- It may be time to make permanent the grant of authority in Title IV, Section 401 ("One-Time Regrant of FY 1981 Personnel Authority"). Since we go through the exercise every few years, why not make the provision permanent?
- Title V ("Support for Defense Intelligence Collection Activities") is probably a waste of time and effort. I fully understand the political reasons for continuing to request these authorities, but Congress is unlikely to sign up to this grant of authority in the post-Iran/Contra era. Perhaps the DCI should ask the new Secretary of Defense whether he really wants this provision.
- Title VI, Section 601 ("NSA Graduate-Level Critical Skills Program") is again restricted to NSA. Why not request the authority for all elements of the Intelligence Community? If that is excessively broad, I believe that we should at least broaden the list to include CIA.
- DIA most certainly believes that Title VII, Section 702 ("DIA Overseas Personnel Benefits Comparability") is needed, but has anyone taken an independent look at the question? Given adjustments in recent years to military pay, in reality there may or may not be a problem.
- Title VIII, Section 801 ("DoD Foreign Materiel Acquisition Authority") may be overly broad. Congress is unlikely to give the Secretary of Defense a blank check--as requested in the notwithstanding clause--to move funds around without some promise that DoD will in the very least provide timely notification when the authority is exercised.

2. Please contact me if you need any additional information on any of these points.

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